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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:)

Kenneth A. Fischburg)

for: INTERNET PROCUREMENT)
METHOD)

Serial No.: 09/656,330)

Filed On: September 6, 2000)

) Examiner: Forest Thompson, Jr.

) Group Art Unit: 3625

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Hartford, Connecticut, March 12, 2004

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DECLARATION OF KENNETH A. FISCHBURG UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

Dear Sir:

I, Kenneth A. Fischburg, declare and state that:

1. I am the sole inventor of the method described in the above-identified patent application filed on September 6, 2000.
2. I conceived the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application prior to November 22, 1999 which is the filing date of U.S. Patent No. 6,606,744 to Mikurak.

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3. I diligently reduced the invention to practice through the filing of the above-identified patent application on September 6, 2000.

4. As evidence in support of this prior conception, I submit copies of the drawings attached hereto as Exhibits A-C with the dates deleted therefrom. The drawings labeled Exhibits A-C were all prepared and dated prior to November 22, 1999. Exhibits A-C are described as follows:

Exhibits A-B are flow charts illustrating one embodiment of a user determined procurement process in accordance with my above-identified invention; and

Exhibit C is a flow chart illustrating another streamlined embodiment of the procurement process in accordance with my above-identified invention.

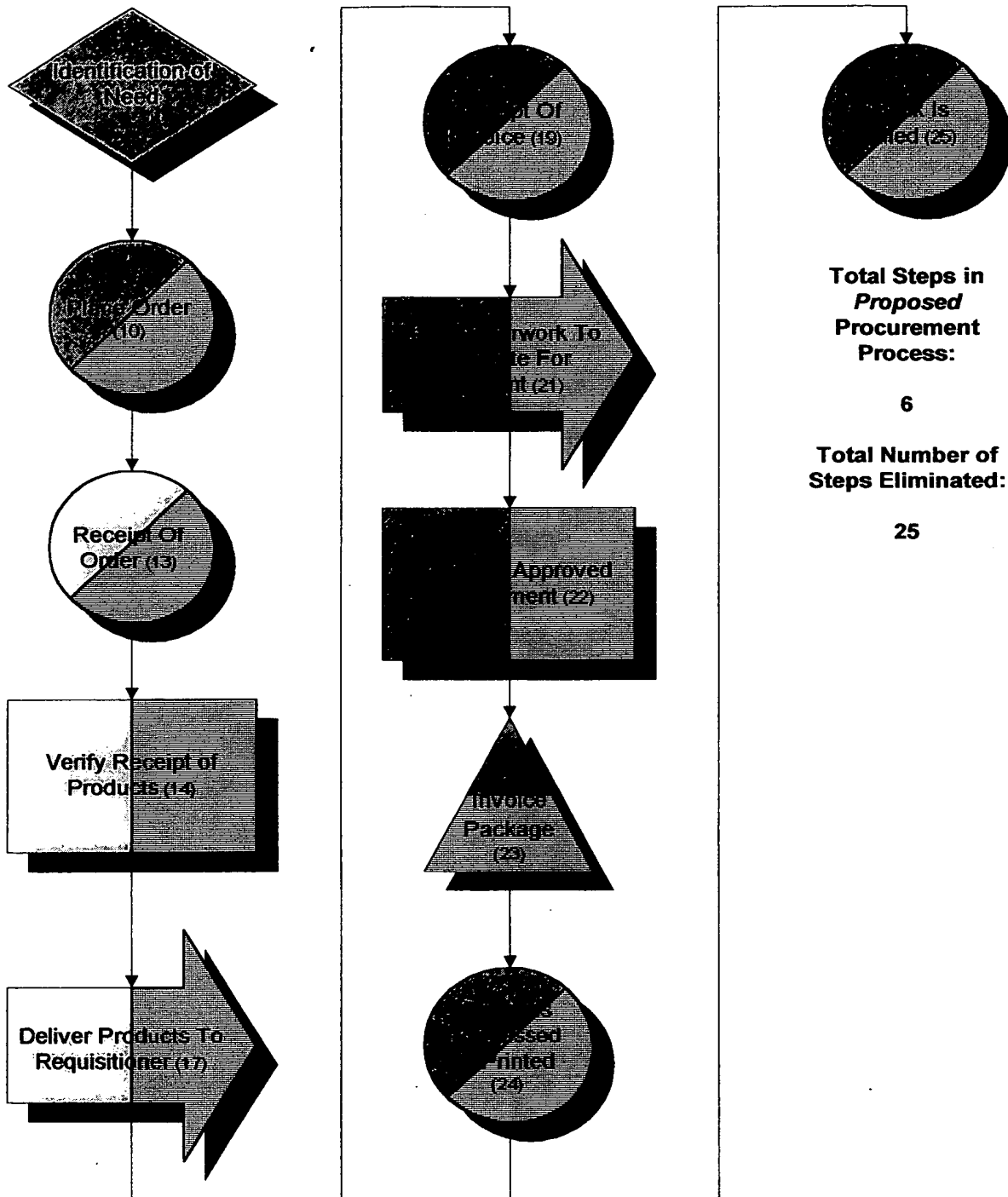
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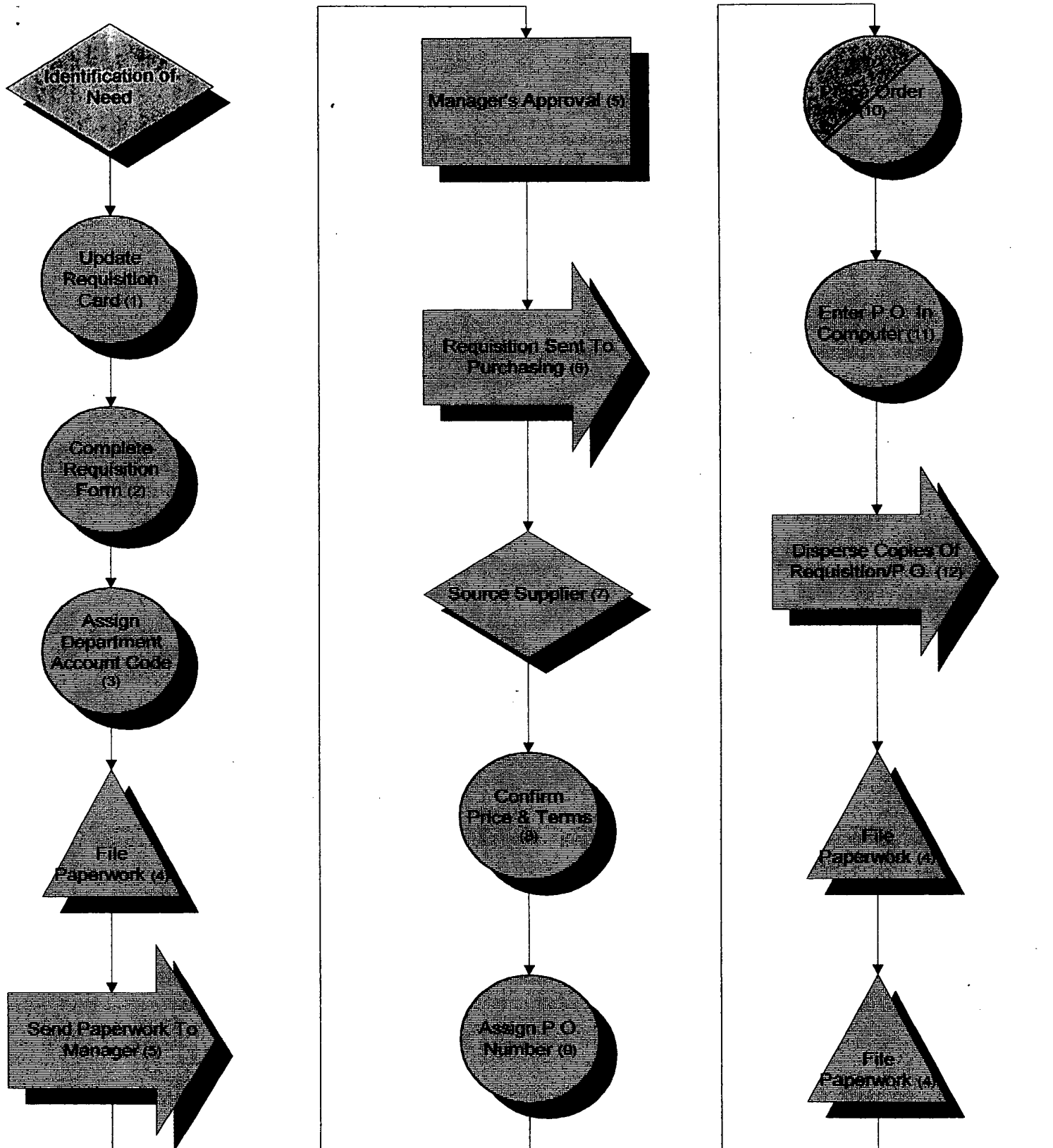

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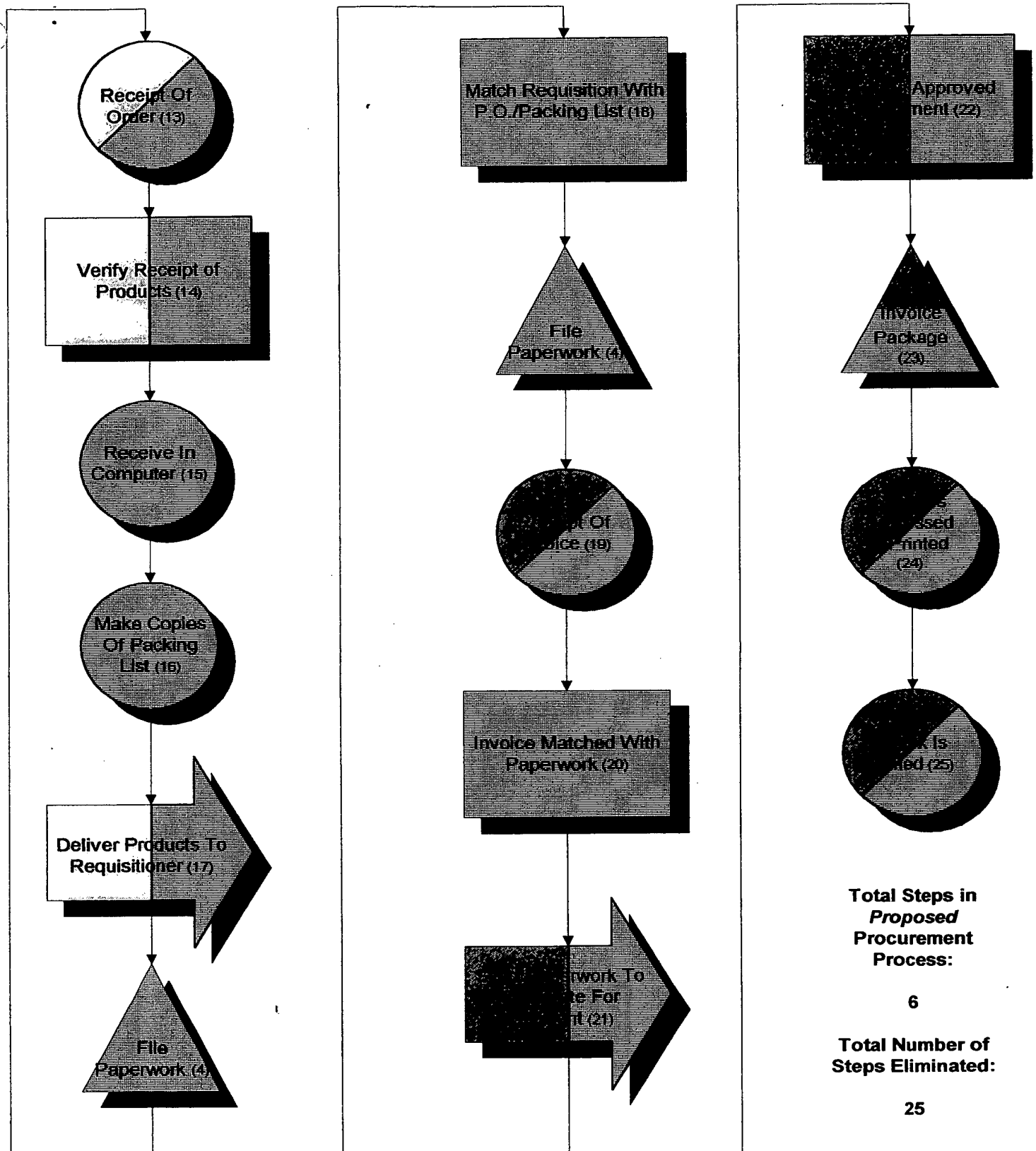


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